

# THE BLUE D



# QUARTERLY

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Sept. 2019

## Superintendent's Scoop



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! What a glorious summer we had! I sincerely hope that each and every one of you got a chance to spend quality time with family and friends. Thank you to all who took part in the many Board of Education meetings, community forums and committee meetings last year. Input from you has formed how our district moves forward.

We begin this school year looking much different than last year at this time. We have made significant cuts in our spending and are now working on a plan to continue affording our students a world class education and their chance to find their niche and thrive in their future!

As we move forward you will note some differences in how the school facilities are used by community groups. Because we are in a contingent budget this year (0% tax increase), the New York State Education Department requires that any use of our facility by groups not associated with the school be charged for use of the building. We are doing our best to charge only what our direct costs are, but groups such as youth sports, Scouts and sports tournaments, which are above and beyond the regular sport Sectional season, will be charged per hour for labor and utilities needed. The district has a long-standing history of being the center of this beautiful community. We enjoy hosting all of the groups which use the District facility throughout the school year – but the cost for those hours must now be covered by each group.

There are many things to look forward to this year! We have a new childcare service for before and after school, as well as a community dental program which will give all of our students a chance to have dental care right at school. We are also looking to join in with other small school districts to form a Community Schools model right here in Dolgeville. If we are accepted into this grant program, we will have the opportunity to have a community liaison working at the school, free of charge, to help connect children and families with needed services.

We are also looking for community members to join our Capital Spending Steering Committee. As with any school facility, there are capital costs for building infrastructure and transportation expenditures that must be planned. If you are interested in becoming part of the planning for this spending, please give me a call at 315.429.3155, x3500 or contact me at [lrhone@dolgeville.org](mailto:lrhone@dolgeville.org). The District Steering Committee will meet four times this school year, in the evening. The committee will be part of conversations with our district architect, engineers, and building and maintenance team.

All the best for  
a great school year!

Mrs. Rhone  
*Superintendent of Schools  
Dolgeville Central School District*

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## 2019-2020 DISTRICT CALENDAR



Visit our website:  
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to download a copy!

SCHOOL BEGINS ON THURSDAY,  
**SEPTEMBER 5**  
**2019**

# RUN LIKE A GIRL!

*Submitted by Jody Lamphere*

Run Like A Girl is a program for girls in grades 3 through 6. The program strives to build self-esteem, teamwork, and the ability to run a mile and a half race during Violet Festival weekend. This year, 77 girls signed up to participate in the program and 76 completed the six-weeks! On Sunday, June 9 the girls ran their mile and a half race with pride! Each girl who crossed the finish line received a medal! I would like



to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this program a success. Without each and every one of you I would not be able to do this at all. I am incredibly proud of these girls! They all worked hard and their hardwork and dedication led them straight through to the finish line!



## FOOD DRIVE Success

*Submitted by Jody Lamphere*

During the first week of June, DCS had a district-wide summer food drive for our local food pantry. Our pre-K - 12 students brought in 620 items! The second graders brought in an impressive 161 items. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer!



# Reality Check Recognition Night



On June 10, Reality Check recognized students Dakota Jeffers, Phoenix Longway, Tanner Jaquay, and Lexus Lyon for their advocacy against tobacco use in Herkimer County.

Pictured with the students are Rachel Johnson, Dolgeville's Reality Check coordinator, and Trisha Alford with Catholic Charities and the Herkimer County Prevention Council.



## FIFTH GRADE

### *Ocean Challenge*

This year, fifth grade students participated in the Ocean Challenge sponsored by Students Rebuild. The 2019 challenge was to learn about the dangers coral reefs face, specific to human interactions and pollution, and create a piece of artwork made out of recycled materials. The artwork had to be an ocean plant or animal. For every piece of artwork submitted to their website, the Bezos Family Foundation donated \$4 to the cause.

Fifth graders spent a week learning about the ocean and different challenges the coral reef are facing. We talked about light pollution to sea turtles, garbage in storm drains and how pollution on the beaches and in oceans affects ocean life. As part of this, we were able to join in and listen to a live webcast with students from around the world. In the end, we raised over \$840 for the Students Rebuild 2019 Ocean Challenge!



## FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE

### - Boston Trip -

On May 23, 113 fifth and sixth graders traveled to Boston to explore American History on a Duck Boat tour, science at the New England Aquarium and IMAX, and lunch at Quincy Market.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### STATUE OF LIBERTY TRIP

On April 26, eighth graders traveled to Liberty State Park to learn about immigration. Students were able to find family names on the Wall of Honor at Ellis Island, then they went inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, which explained the engineering of

how the statue was constructed. Students concluded the trip at the nearby Liberty Science Museum, where as it's written on the stairs, they could "expand your horizons."



## - MIDDLE ★ SCHOOL - *All-Stars*



## A Message from the Principal

As the calendar page turns from August to September, and the first brightly colored leaves make their reddish appearance in the Adirondacks, we turn with fresh eyes to the new school year. Athletes begin to take the field and school supplies begin to fill our shopping carts.

Students eagerly (or not so eagerly!) wait to check for the lists of first block classes that are posted on the front doors the week before school starts. A new school year is a fresh start, a chance to learn and grow in new and exciting ways.

We welcome our students on Sept. 5 for the first day of school. Don't miss Open House from 6-7 p.m. on Sept. 12, which will feature ninth grade orientation to help students and parents make a four-year plan for graduation. Students and families new to this side of the building will have the opportunity to attend Seventh Grade Orientation on Sept. 3 at 6 p.m., where students can locate their first block class and try out their new locker combination.

This new year marks a lot of changes at DCS, and I am honored to be chosen to lead the 7-12 building. After spending the first 17 years of my career teaching in the high school, coming back to this side of the building is a little like coming home. I am proud of our students and staff and will diligently work to make this a place where students safely can say they are "going into the world well prepared."

Sincerely,

*Ruth Leavitt*

**RUTH LEAVITT • 7-12 PRINCIPAL**

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!



The 2018-2019 DCS Yearbook was dedicated to Nina Petkovsek. Congratulations and thank you for your many years of service!



## Prom 2019



## DRIVE YOUR TRACTOR TO SCHOOL DAY

## Dolgeville School Board Honors Mr. Jenny







## --- NYC TRIP ---

Students attended a workshop where they learned a song and dance from the musical, "The Lion King." We walked to lunch at the Hard Rock Café and then attended a matinee performance of the musical featuring the person who taught us our workshop!



## Spring Elementary and High School Band Concert





## DOLGEVILLE FOOTBALL

This past May, the Dolgeville football program completed two and a half months of weekly open skills and circuit training this past May with students in grades 8-11 in preparation for

the upcoming fall season. Students worked with position specific coaches to improve techniques related to their playing position. They also worked on strength-building, cardiovascular fitness and muscle endurance during circuit training.



### Important Immunization News from the School Nurse's Office

On June 13, 2019, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo of New York signed legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children. This means that the Religious Exemption for Immunization is no longer in effect.

#### The New York State Department of Education requires the following immunizations for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

##### Pre-K

Tdap: 4 doses • Hepatitis B: 3 doses • Hib: 1–4 doses • MMR: 1 dose  
Polio: 3 doses • Pneumococcal Conjugate: 1–4 doses • Varicella: 1 dose

##### Kindergarten

Tdap: 5–4 doses (must have 1 dose after 4 years of age) • Hepatitis B: 3 doses • MMR: 2 doses  
Polio: 4–3 doses (must have 1 dose after 4 years of age) • Varicella: 2 doses

##### 6th grade

Polio: 4 doses • Tdap: 1 dose • Varicella: 2 doses

##### 7th grade

Meningococcal: 1 dose

##### 12th grade

Meningococcal: 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older

Your child can obtain the needed vaccines from their health care provider or the Herkimer County Health Department located at 301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY. Please call the health department at 315.867.1176 for more information.

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